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SUBJ: CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, KANDAHAR TEXTILE AND OTHER

REF A. KABUL 314 B. HONG KONG 630 C. STATE 12859

1. M. HASHEM TOUFIQUI, PRESIDENT OF INDUSTRIES, MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES, INFORMED US THAT HE HAD RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM MR. REAVES, OF THE TURNER CO. IN NEW YORK, STATING THAT TURNER WAS CONSIDERING HIS OFFER AND WOULD INFORM HIM OF DECISION ASAP. HE ASKED US TO PASS TO TURNER RESULTS HIS LATER CONVERSATION WITH HIS MINISTER. TOUFIQUI STATES THAT MINISTER ASEFI

AGREES THAT TURNER, ON BASIS ITS PRIOR OFFERS, WAS THE BEST PROSPECT FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. CONTRACT WOULD INCLUDE KANDAHAR TEXTILE, KANDAHAR CEMENT, HERAT TEXTILE, HERAT CEMENT AND POSSIBLY OTHERS.

2. IF TURNER AGREES "IN PRINCIPLE," TOUFIQUI IS PREPARED AT HIS MINISTER'S SUGGESTION TO FLY IMMEDIATELY TO NEW YORK TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT, OR HAVE TURNER REPS COME TO KABUL, WHICHEVER TURNER PREFERENCES.

3. KABUL TIMES ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTRACT SIGNING FOR KANDAHAR TEXTILE JANUARY 18 (KABUL 0481) STATED THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN MARCH, 1976, WITH PRODUCTION STARTING IN 36 MONTHS. TOUFIQUI IS THUS UNDER CONSIDERABLE TIME PRESSURE

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TO SIGN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY. UNION MATEX OF

FRG WILL SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF
EQUIPMENT.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE INFORM THE TURNER CO. (REAVES) OF ABOVE.

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